

DX LISTENING DIGEST 00-49, April 5, 2000
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WORLD OF RADIO ON SPIRITUS MOVENS, VILNIUS, LITHUANIA, 99.3 FM:
>Hello Sigitas, Any news about your station yet? Are you still running World of Radio? Regards, Glenn

Yes, but with a different schedule starting April 2. Now, WOR is on the air Mon 0500, Tue 1400, Wed 2000 UTC. I made some reshuffling of all the broadcasts to accommodate them in such a manner that we do not depend on summer/winter schedule changes. Thus, there are no more direct rebroadcasts, everything is recorded and played a little bit later. Best wishes and 73 (Sigitas Zilionis, Spiritus Movens, Vilnius, Lithuania)

** GERMANY? With reference to the station heard on 9.42 there is an English station called NRG (pronounced energy) which broadcasts what could well be ``techno`` music (I'm not au fait with modern music). It broadcasts on 107.6 to the Bournemouth / Poole area and could well have been what was heard. Dunno why it would be on SW but of course another English local station, Sunrise, did relay via Julich for a while. Kai's statement about the nasty letter from Paris is off the mark. The nasty letter should be from Dublin, the original NRG (Nova ReGenerated) operated there in the 80's.

Whilst on the subject of odd relays on the morning of 7th March Atlantic 252 was relayed on 6.21. My guess is it was a pirate, but why? (Nicholas Mead, UK, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Checking out the previous report of English at 0200 from VOG, UT April 5 15630, 12110 etc did not have English, but mostly music at this hour; and at former English time of 0300 there was music and Greek talk. Has VOG virtually ceased broadcasting in English, which with a few exceptions was limited to some 10 minutes of news on a number of transmissions? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. Hopefully me as the one from Washington state mentioned on R. Verdad per GH in DXLD as I did send a report to Ap. 5, Chiquimula, on 20 March. This could be a good sign! Not being able to understand the name hardly surprises me as it's difficult enough in printed form; much less bouncing 2500 miles through static crashes and such. (Terry PALMERSHEIM, KC7LDP See!, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

They mentioned Washington again the next morning; informal mailbag seems to be around 1135 (gh)

** HUNGARY [non]. As per WRMI's new sked posted on website in advance of April 2, I did hear R. Budapest at 0330 UT Tue April 4 on 7385. However, another sked effective April 2 which WRMI distributed, via Hans-Joachim Koch, shows Viva Miami and UN Caribbean Echo instead for local Monday. Perhaps Budapest was a one-shot, test, or it did not work out. Furthermore, there is no indication of R. Polonia or Slovakia relays in the newer version! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA. Glenn, The only good result of Daylight Shifting Time is that I get up an hour earlier UT and can notice some things I might have missed. For example: Voice of Min-gewl-ya has moved EG xmsn to AUS to 1030 UT on 12085 kHz; heard with good signal on 4/3. Announced further EG as 1500 to S. Asia and 2000 to EUR, both on 12015//12085. We are now at one of the best times of year to hear them, with grayline conditions around 1050-1130 UT to ECNA. 73, (John Cobb, GA, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Oops, in 00-48 I reverted to defunct R. Ulaan Baator naame (gh)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 4890 has been ``not heard`` here on the W coast of NAM for 2 nights. Here's a logging from 9675 two nights ago: Papua New Guinea 9675 Karai National Radio 0655 APR 3. M annncr with Pop mx program. ID as Karai National Radio at 0653, then into a short public service announcement ``transmission reduction in broadcasting due to the transmitter work. We are now broadcasting from 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. Daily``) Then back into PNG Pop Mx (local Pidgin Pop and Country Western with wailing guitars). ID ToH [top of hour] as both NBC and Karai National Radio, Into News Brief in English by M. More music at 0704. At 0707 another mention that they were only transmitting 6 AM to 10 PM and that this was ``necessitated by transmitter work....very important transmitter work``. A few moments later the transmission turned into a garbled mess - poor modulation (did the transmitter finally go?). Not heard on 4890; 9675 not normally audible here in PacNorWest at this time since last October (Don Nelson, OR, April 4, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Maybe I'm on a different West Coast. At 1117 UTC on Monday 4/3/2000 UTC I clearly heard PNG on 4890.001 KHz with a signal strength of between -90 to -95 dBm. The male speaking was giving a Bible lesson on Jeremiah 33 with several "amen" types grunting in agreement as is often done on such broadcasts. There was some QRM [slight] from what was probably some sort of digital signal that almost sounded like a jammer. Signal was SINPO 33343 I am fairly certain I could have heard this signal on my NRD-525 with a longwire. I have it recorded on DAT or so my written records indicate. Such are

the vagaries of propagation. (Tom Roach, Watkins-Johnson HF-1000, Alpha Delta DX-SWL Sloper, listening about 50 miles East of Sacramento, California, April 4, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** PERU. Actual frequency of R. L. V. de las Huarinjas, reported by Inoue in DXLD 00-48 is 6819.55. It disappeared from originally distributed version in editing thanks to peculiarity of MS Word which likes to treat leading numbers as list headers. BTW, correxions such as this when found are made immediately on the master archive version of DXLDs on our website, so if you have a question, check that first (gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. One of VOA's best frequencies here where it doesn't matter, and I am sure overseas where it does, 15580, continues to be marred by strong co-channel from Portugal, as noted again at 2000 check April 4 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. Contrary to previous report, RRI was on 9570 //11940 in English at 0233 check April 5, and WYFR was on 9505 blocking anything on 9510. No sign of China via Cuba on 9570 any more at this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Re: DXLD 00-48: > Tatarstan 08-09 UTC 11915 kHz (beamed to European part of Russia) <

Hi, heard this morning (4 APR) starting at 0800 on 11925 kHz (another change!). The carrier was on already since 0720 (Karel Honzik, the Czech Republic, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Hello Wolfgang, Here is the A00 monitored schedule of the Voice of Tatarstan:

0400-0500 11665

0600-0700 9690

0800-0900 11925

In Ru on We (0800) and Th (0400 & 0600). All other broadcasts are in Tatar (including Ru news bulletins and wx forecasts on week-days). (info received from Ildus Ibatullin, station QSL manager) (Dmitri Mezin, Russia, Apr 4 via Wolfgang Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC Radio 4's ``Inspiration`` quiz show, Wed 1230 UT, mentioned here previously, I discovered April 5 is blocked from webcasting for rights reasons. See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4> It remains to be seen whether the other new show, Struck Off and Die, Wed at 2200 UT is also blocked. The programme schedule does not specify which shows are unavailable; you have to try each one. It is not feasible to tune in Radio 4 on my radio from here as they suggest! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. The BBC's new setup is a royal mess. Sackville and Antigua carry different streams much of the time - not necessarily a bad thing, but published programme schedules are virtually useless. Example: Tuesday April 4 at 1505 UT I want to hear Discovery: Science Friction, but 15220 and 9515 keep running news past this hour. 17840 Antigua which is now masked by splat from 17845, and 11865, by splat from WEWN 11875, apparently have the Discovery show. One of the online streams, the info and entertainment one, stays with news. BTW, on page 30 of BBC On Air for April, it says this Discovery series starts April 7, whilst on page 45 it says April 4.

At 1530 we are supposed to get Essential Guide: Brazil, on the Am stream, but instead on the cable TV relay we get here off and on, there was a documentary on the guy who systematically walked out with KGB secrets and gave them to the west.

Earlier on Tuesday, I checked 9740 which is the East Asian/Pacific stream, right? Ending at 1159 was UK Top 20, which according to the sked for this stream is Tuesday at 2330 local, i.e. 1530 UT, not 1130; I cannot find that show scheduled on any of the streams at 1130, unless it is the unshown private feed to New Zealand where that would be 2330 local (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Glenn, On Apr. 4, I heard the European Stream on 6175 from 0030-0100 with a news program, while 5975 had the scheduled American Stream program of rock music. It was nice to have a choice! On Apr 5 0030-0100, both 6175 and 5975 carried the American Stream program of rock music (Ivan Grishin, Ont., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. The BBC appears to have restored full service of the Americas stream to 6175 kHz. between 0000 and 0400, as of today (evening of April 4 in New York). 6175 had been inadvertently diverted to carrying the New Zealand stream the first two evenings of the BBC's new schedule.

As an aside, in cataloging the problems that have arisen in the past and then arose most recently with the new schedule, it appears that such problems largely have centered around frequencies used on behalf of the BBC by the Sackville, NB transmitting facility of RCI. (John Figliozzi, NY, Electronic DX Press Apr 4 via DXLD)

** U K. BBC World Service frequencies from April 2000 until March 2001, English:

From To Frequency

WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA
03:00 07:00 7160

04:00 07:00 6005
05:00 08:00 11765
07:00 10:00 15400 17830
10:00 11:00 15400 17830 Sat-Sun
11:00 11:30 15400
11:00 21:00 17830
15:00 15:30 21490
15:00 21:00 15400
20:00 23:00 11765 11835

EAST AFRICA

02:00 03:00 9770
03:00 04:00 11730
03:00 04:00 12095
03:30 07:00 15420
05:00 07:00 17885
04:00 15:00 17640
07:00 09:00 17885 Sat-Sun
09:00 17:00 21470
09:00 14:00 17885
13:00 14:00 15420
15:00 15:30 11860 15420
16:30 19:00 15420
17:00 17:45 6005 9630
18:30 21:00 6005 9630

NORTH AFRICA

04:00 06:00 6195
04:00 07:00 9410
06:00 09:00 12095
07:00 18:00 15485
07:00 15:00 17640
15:00 17:00 12095
18:00 22:00 9410
20:00 22:00 6195

SOUTHERN AFRICA

03:00 04:00 6005
03:00 05:00 7120
03:00 06:00 3255
03:00 22:00 6190
04:00 07:00 17640
05:00 07:00 11765
06:00 17:00 11940
09:00 17:00 21470
14:00 17:00 21660
17:00 21:00 15400
17:00 22:00 3255

21:00 22:00 6005

NORTH AMERICA EAST

[none shown for NAm West!]

22:00 02:00 9590

22:00 04:00 6175

23:00 04:00 5975

10:00 11:00 6195

10:00 12:00 5965

12:00 16:30 9515

13:00 16:00 11865

11:00 14:00 15220

14:00 17:00 17840

16:30 17:00 9515 Sat

CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

00:00 04:00 5975

02:00 04:00 6135

10:00 14:00 6195

11:00 14:00 15220

14:00 17:00 17840

21:00 00:00 5975

21:15 21:30 11675 15390 Mon-Fri

SOUTH AMERICA

00:00 03:00 12095 9915

00:00 04:00 5975

09:00 10:00 15190

10:00 11:30 15190 Sat-Sun

10:00 14:00 6195

11:00 11:30 17790

11:00 14:00 15220

14:00 17:00 17840

21:00 00:00 12095 5975

SOUTH ASIA

00:00 02:00 5965 9410

00:00 04:00 11955

00:00 08:00 17790

00:00 17:00 15310

02:00 02:30 1413

04:00 05:00 21830

08:00 09:00 21830

09:00 11:00 17790

11:00 17:00 17700

12:00 17:00 6195

13:00 14:00 1413

15:00 18:30 5975

16:00 18:00 9740
17:00 18:30 9510
17:45 18:30 1413
19:00 21:00 1413

EAST ASIA

00:00 00:30 17615 11945
00:00 03:30 15360
00:00 05:30 15280
03:00 10:30 17760 21660 (Sat-Sun -1000)
05:00 10:30 15360 (Sat-Sun -1000)
09:00 10:00 9605 11945 11765
10:00 16:00 9740
11:00 13:00 9580 11955 15280
12:00 17:00 6195
13:00 16:00 5990
21:00 22:00 11945
21:00 00:00 6195 5965
22:00 00:00 11955
23:00 00:00 6035 11945 15280

SOUTH EAST ASIA

00:00 00:30 3915 7110
00:00 02:00 6195 9410
00:00 03:30 15360
05:00 10:30 15360
05:00 11:00 11955
05:00 16:00 9740
09:00 17:00 6195 15310
16:00 18:00 3915 7160
21:00 22:00 3915 9740
21:00 00:00 6195
22:00 23:00 9660
22:00 00:00 7110 11955
23:00 00:00 3915

AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND & PACIFIC

05:00 09:00 15360
05:00 11:00 11955
06:00 08:00 9580
11:00 16:00 9740
18:00 22:00 9740
20:00 22:00 5975
22:00 23:00 12080 9660
22:00 00:00 11955

MIDDLE EAST AND GULF

02:00 08:00 11760

02:00 04:00 9410
02:00 02:30 1413
03:00 04:00 11955
03:00 04:30 1413
03:00 03:30 720 639
03:00 07:30 1323
04:00 07:30 15575
07:30 09:00 15575 Sat-Sun
07:00 15:00 17640
07:30 09:00 1323 Sat-Sun
09:00 20:00 15575
09:00 14:00 11760
09:00 23:30 1323
09:00 20:00 15575
17:00 21:00 12095
17:45 18:30 1413
19:00 21:00 1413

WEST & SOUTH WEST EUROPE

00:00 04:30 198
00:00 23:59 648
04:00 07:00 6195
04:00 07:00 9410
04:00 17:00 12095
07:00 15:00 17640
07:00 18:00 15485
18:00 22:00 9410
19:00 23:00 6195
20:00 21:00 1296

CIS & EURASIA

02:00 03:00 6195
02:00 05:00 9410
04:00 06:00 12095
06:00 15:00 15565
07:00 15:00 17640
15:00 17:00 15575
17:00 20:00 12095
18:00 20:00 9410

(BBC web site via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Till March 2001? Really?? They do not plan to make any seasonal changes before then? Assumed by some bureaucrat ignorant of how SW seasonal scheduling works? (gh)

** U S A. Greetings from Miami. Below you will find the new WRMI schedule in effect as of the local time change here in North America

which took place April 2. Major changes worth noting include:

A new program called ``Worldbeat USA.`` Host Tony Bourne is from Trinidad (but now lives in the Miami area), and he plays hit music from the Caribbean, North America and Latin America. This show airs UTC Tuesday-Saturday from 0030-0100 on 7385 kHz to North America; and UTC Saturday from 2000-2200 and Sunday from 1500-1600 on 9955 kHz to the Caribbean and Latin America.

A new airing of AWR's DX program ``Wavescan`` UTC Thursday at 0330-0400 on 7385 kHz to North America.

Another new music program called ``This Lousy Half-Hour Radio Show`` with host Charlie Kaufman playing a wide variety of music, especially oldies from the 1960's. This is UTC Sunday at 0330-0400 on 7385 kHz to North America, just prior to the popular music program ``Scream of the Butterfly.`` (Jeff White, WRMI, April 5 via Hans-Joachim Koch, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also HUNGARY [non]

** VIETNAM [non}. The VOV relay via RCI Sackville still has not settled into reliability. UT April 5 the 0230 English on 9695 was replaced by fill music, but from 0300 on 9795 Spanish appeared, 0400 Vietnamese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. Glenn, The link to VoV may have been down last night, heard nothing but rock music from 0100 past 0130 when I gave up. 9695 April 5 (Ivan Grishin, Ont., DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###